(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Airports Council International headquarters at Geneva are likely to publish the conclusions of the Conference in due course.

DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORICAL PLACES IN PUNJAB

3078. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the historical places of Punjab need to be developed and beautified to make them more attractive for tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have omitted an important monument, the tomb of Razia Sultana, who was the first woman ruler of India about nine hundred years ago; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Central assistance for development of tourism infrastructure is given on project to project basis, and is dependent upon its merit, *inter se* priority and availability of funds.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस में "ज्यादा उड़ो-मुफ्त उड़ो" योजना

3079 श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इंडियन एयरलाइंस "ज्यादा उड़ो मुफ्त उड़ो" जैसी कोई योजना शुरू करने का विचार रखता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

(ग) उक्त योजना को नियमित-आधार पर किस तारीख से शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या इस योजना के शुरू किये जाने से इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के लाभों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स ने "ज्यादा उड़ो और मुफ्त उड़ो" नामक एक बिक्री संवर्धन योजना शुरू की है ।

(ख) और (ग) इस योजना के अन्तर्गत 1-11-93 से 31-1-94 तक की अवधि के दौरान इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के किन्हीं 18 अन्तर्देशीय सेक्टरों पर सम्पूर्ण किराए पर यात्रा करने वाले किसी वयस्क यात्री को किसी एक अन्तर्देशीय सेक्टर पर एक राऊंड-ट्रिप टिकट मुफ्त जारी करने का प्रावधान है ।

(घ) और (ङ) इस योजना का आशय एयर लाइन के प्रति निष्ठा को बढ़ाकर यातायात को बनाए रखना है । इस योजना से किसी सीधे लाभ की परिकल्पना नहीं की गई है ।

OPERATION OF AIR TAXIES IN NON-AVIATION SECTOR

3080. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to operate air taxics in non-aviation sector in Gujarat to utilise the services for passengers, airmail and cargo during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Air Taxies are already operating passenger services to airports in Gujarat like Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Baroda and Ahmedabad on charter|non-Scheduled basis. They are free to carry cargo. They can carry mail also subject to agreement with their clients.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED BY ITDC HOTELS

*3081. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the year by different Hotels under ITDC;

(b) whether it is a fact that these Hotels are not getting direct business from the erstwhile USSR and whether those foreigners are being offered heavy cuts on tariff rate through different travel agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) ITDC hotels had earned direct foreign exchange of the order of Rs. 692.22 lakhs upto October, 1993 of the current financial year 1993-94.

(b) and (c) Since tourist traffic from CIS countries generally comes through Indian travel agents|tour operators, ITDC has to offer special rates and discounts to the travel agents depending upon various factors like volume of business, prevailing season etc.

PROPOSALS FOR BETTER CARGO SERVICE BY IA

3082. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines propose to take some measures to provide better Cargo Service within and outside India in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof separately for within and outside the country;

(c) whether some objectives are behind these measures;

(d) if so, the details thereof with estimated earning of foreign exchange with such measures; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are the main steps being taken by Indian Airlines to provide better cargo services :—

Domestic :

—Introduction of bulk and commodity cargo rates.

— Working on the prospects of computerising cargo movement.

— Intimating consignees through RAPID system immediately on arrival for quick delivery.

—To provide better covered areas to save cargo from the vagaries of weather.

— Introduction of an Express Cargo Service guaranteeing delivery of cargo within 24 hours of selected routes.

Outside India :

In addition to the steps taken for domestic cargo as stated above, Indian Airlines selects agents who are equipped with better handling facilities outside India.

(c) and (d) The objective behind these measures is to increase revenue from cargo : since the schemes have been recently introduced, it is difficult to quantify the additional revenue directly attributable to these steps.

(e) Does not arise.